



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property Crops	
ILLINOIS, Central								
Menard County								
Oakford	03	1043CST			0	0	0	Hail(0.88)
Knox County								
Galesburg	11	1745CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G53)
Thunderstorm winds blew down numerous light poles in Galesburg, mainly along US Routes 34 and 150 and on Interstate 74. One light pole fell onto a car breaking the windshield and denting the hood. The driver and passenger were not injured								
Marshall County								
Wenona	11	1815CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several light poles were blown down in town								
Peoria County								
Peoria	11	1815CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several trees and large power poles were blown down on the west and south sides of the city. No one was injured by the fallen trees or power poles.								
Woodford County								
Eureka to El Paso	11	1830CST 1840CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G54)
Thunderstorm winds blew down power lines in Eureka, Roanoke, Minonk, and El Paso.								
Tazewell County								
Tremont	11	1841CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G51)



After strong winds blew through Central Illinois...thousands of "Snow Rollers" were reported throughout the county warning area.

A rare event occurred in northern portions of the Central Illinois county warning area. Thundersnow storms developed over eastern Iowa and moved rapidly east into Illinois. As the storms moved into the area, damaging winds, lightning, and near whiteout conditions were reported with the passage of the storms. After the storms weakened and moved out of central Illinois, strong gradient winds briefly developed and moved east across the county warning area. These winds created a rare phenomena...snow rollers. The snow rollers ranged in size from golfball size to over 30 inches long and a foot tall.

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Lawrence								
23	2000CST				0	0	0	Heavy Snow
24	0400CST							



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Between 5 and 7 inches of snow fell across Lawrence county on February 23rd and 24th, with 6.5 inches measured in Lawrenceville. Minor blowing and drifting snow occurred. This would be the last winter storm of the season to affect southeast Illinois as low pressure moved northeast from Arkansas into Kentucky.